PART 140—PROHIBITION ON ASSISTANCE TO DRUG TRAFFICKERS

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Subpart A—General

§140.1 Purpose.

- (a) This part implements Section 487 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (22 U.S.C. Sec. 2291f).
- (b) Section 487(a) directs the President to "take all reasonable steps" to ensure that assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (FAA) and the Arms Export Control Act (AECA) "is not provided to or through any individual or entity that the President knows or has reason to believe":
- (1) has been convicted of a violation of, or a conspiracy to violate, any law or regulation of the United States, a State or the District of Columbia, or a foreign country relating [to] narcotic or psychotropic drugs or other controlled substances; or
- (2) is or has been an illicit trafficker in any such controlled substance or is or has been a knowing assistor, abettor, conspirator, or colluder with others in the illicit trafficking in any such substance.

§140.2 Authorities.

Authority to implement FAA Section 487 was delegated by the President to the Secretary of State by E.O. 12163, as amended, and further delegated by the Secretary to the Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs by Delegation of Authority No. 145, dated Feb. 4, 1980 (45 FR 11655), as amended.

§140.3 Definitions.

The following definitions shall apply for the purpose of this part:

(a) Convicted. The act of being found guilty of or legally responsible for a criminal offense, and receiving a conviction or judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction, whether by verdict or plea, and including convictions entered upon a plea of nolo contendere.

(b) Country Narcotics Coordinator. The individual assigned by the Chief of Mission of a U.S. diplomatic post, in consultation with the Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, in each foreign country to coordinate United States government policies and activities within a country related to counternarcotics efforts.

(c) Covered assistance. Any assistance provided by an agency of the United States government under the FAA or AECA, except that it does not include:

(1) Assistance that by operation of the law is not subject to FAA Section 487, such as:

- (i) Disaster relief and rehabilitation provided under Chapter 9 of Part I of the FAA; and
- (ii) Assistance provided to small farmers when part of a community-based alternative development program under Part I or Chapter 4 of Part II of the FAA;
- (2) Assistance in a total amount less than \$100,000 regarding a specific activity, program, or agreement, except that the procedures in \$140.8 for recipients of scholarships, fellowships, and participant training shall apply regardless of amount. However, assistance shall be deemed covered assistance regardless of amount if the agency providing assistance has reasonable grounds to suspect that a covered individual or entity may be or may have been involved in drug trafficking; or